

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to remedy the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) Government are aware that a port is being constructed by Government of Orissa at Dhamra. The newly constructed range facilities are away from the proposed port. Therefore, the port will not have any impact on the range facilities.

**Foreign/HUDCO Assistance for Drinking Water Supply in Orissa**

3285. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal for getting foreign/HUDCO assistance for drinking water supply and sewerage projects in the town of Dhenkanal and Angal in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amounts earmarked for the purpose; and

(c) the time by which the projects are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI) : (a) and (b) The Government had received a proposal for regional water supply in certain urban areas of Orissa, including Dhenkanal and Angul, at an estimated cost of Rs. 139.31 crores, which had been recommended for foreign assistance from the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF), Japan during 1997-98. However, the proposal was not approved by the OECF for funding.

Proposals for HUDCO assistance are submitted by the State Governments directly to HUDCO for consideration. HUDCO has informed that a loan of Rs. 950.96 lakhs and Rs. 864.26 lakhs have been sanctioned for Dhenkanal and Angul water supply schemes estimated to cost Rs. 1358.56 lakhs and Rs. 1234.65 lakhs respectively. The schemes are being implemented by the Orissa Water Supply & Sewerage Board.

(c) The HUDCO assisted projects are likely to be completed within three years.

**Doubling of Guntakal-Bangalore Railway Line**

3286. SHRI H.G. RAMULU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether survey has been ordered for the doubling of Guntakal-Bangalore broad gauge section ;

(b) if so, the time by which the survey is expected to be completed ; and

(c) the funds earmarked for the survey work ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) and (b) There is already a double line between Guntakal and Gooty. Between Dharmavaram and Penukonda, doubling is proposed to be achieved by construction of a new line via Puttappathi which is already included in Budget, 1997-98 to be taken up after obtaining the requisite clearances, for which action has been initiated. There is no proposal for doubling of Gooty-Dharmavaram and Penukonda-Bangalore sections at present.

(c) Does not arise.

**Production Capacity of Bhusawal Ordnance Factory**

3287. DR. ULHAS VASUDEO PATIL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the production capacity of Ordnance Factory, Bhusawal;

(b) whether the production capacity is being fully utilised;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of requests received for employment in Ordnance Factory, Bhusawal from the land affected families; and

(e) the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (e) Ordnance Factory, Bhusawal can manufacture Steel Boxes for ammunition, Barrels for oil and lubricants and other steel containers upto 8 lakh numbers per year. Due to reduction in demand from the Army for 200 litre barrels the capacity of the factory could not be fully utilised during the last three years. However, with the introduction of new ammunition boxes full capacity utilisation is expected during 1998-99.

It is reported that about 40 persons approached the factory for employment stating that their land had been acquired for the construction of quarters. The Employment Exchange sponsored their candidature and they were given employment. The Ordnance Factory Board has reported that no request for employment is pending since 1980.

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**Decline in Beneficiaries of IRDP**

3288. SHRI CHANDRASHEKHAR SAHU : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :